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Sir:

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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,020,945, issued February 1, 2000 to Sawai et al.
2. European Patent Application No. EP 1 081 636 A2, published March 7, 2001.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 05-127822, published May 25, 1993, with English Abstract.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-48625, published February 20, 1998, with English Abstract.

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